PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

David DARRAS, et al.

Appln. No. PCT/FR99/00692

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Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

A CONTAINER WITH A COATING OF BARRIER EFFECT MATERIAL,

AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1:

after the title and before the first line of text insert -- Field of the

Invention--;

between lines 7 and/8, insert -- Description of the Prior Art--.

Page 3:

between lines 11 and 12 insert -- Summary of the Invention --.

Page 11:

between lines 21 and 22, insert -- Brief Description of the Drawings--.

Page 12:

before line 1, Insert -- Detailed Description of the Invention -- .

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1:

line 3, change "characterised in that" to --wherein--.